

# Nesta Hager



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**Councilor**



Greetings my fellow Selkirk First Nation Citizens. Mussi Cho for the opportunity to tell you about who I am and what I stand for. My name is Nesta Opal Chrystal Hager. I am a member of the Northern Tutchone nation with Tlingit ties on the Silas side of my heritage. My mother is Ernestine Hager, daughter to Elder Lizzie Hall. My grandfather was the late Ernest Silas. My father's name is William Lewis and resides in British Columbia. I am the youngest of three daughters born and raised in the Yukon Territory by a single mother. I also have two brothers on my father's side. I grew up moving back and forth between Pelly Crossing and Whitehorse but I also lived in British Columbia with my father when I was small.

I was 22 years of age when I became involved in a leadership role with our First Nation. I quickly discovered I had a strong desire to learn what Leadership truly meant, not only for

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myself but for my people. I wanted to continue in Leadership but as a young woman, I knew I had a responsibility to lead by example and walk another path. I decided to move forward on a path of self discovery and then one day return to Leadership when my calling came. After the 2008 election, I moved to Whitehorse for employment and to gain exposure to a larger population while still remaining closely connected to my origin. During this path I was blessed with an incredible gift - my daughter Peyton. Since her birth, she has been the influential factor in every decision and direction I take. Through her, I have learned true love, patience, kindness, and purpose. At 26, I became a single mother and Foster Parent to two young women at the same time. I practiced teaching the young people in my life kindness, forgiveness and compassion.

I decided to pursue my education to improve our quality of life and set an example to those young people. I enrolled in Criminology with Yukon College and later switched my studies to Thompson Rivers University's Social Work program which I am still actively working on to this day. While I was studying online in Whitehorse, I took on work at the local Women's Centre, Emergency Youth Shelter and Women's Transition Home. I gained an enormous amount of knowledge and found my passion for helping people in times of need. I learned about the Yukon Family and Children Services influence on family health and social well being, the Justice

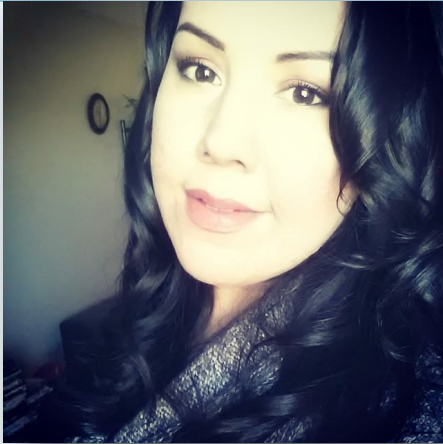
System, the destruction of addiction, the struggle of poverty and homelessness, and violence issues. It has opened my eyes and changed my life.

Three years ago, I began to feel the calling to come home and give back to my people. This past Fall, I made the decision to follow the calling and finally moved back home.

Through adversity and hardship, knowledge and experience it is my hope to lead people based on my understanding of Leadership. To me Leadership is being connected to the People, to the Land and to the Animals. It is responsibility of putting others before myself and displaying respect. It is taking the lessons of the past and utilizing them as tools to build a foundation for our community as a whole. Through this whole Journey of mine, I always carried forward the teachings of my Elders and mentors, the teachings of our experiences, and the countless lessons I have learned day-by-day, person-to-person. I have gained strong values and ethics through this experience which I bring forward to the Leadership front.

I am curious and am always investigating truths and seeking answers, I am always asking "What are the alternatives" to community issues and seeking the most fair solution(s) that benefit the WHOLE nation. I believe it is time to focus on the future and strengthening our Nation, our Government and our People. There is UNITY in our future as long as we are willing to listen to each other and work together.

Mussi Cho,  
Nesta Hager



**I VALUE RESPECT:**

Every living thing matters and should be treated as so.

**I VALUE HONESTY:**

We must carry forward with integrity, fairness and transparency.

**I VALUE COMPASSION:**

There is always time to give love, forgiveness and start the process of healing.

**I VALUE SUCCESS:**

Opportunities for all and celebrating the efforts of our Nation.

**I VALUE EQUALITY:**

Leave no one behind. We all walk together.

**I VALUE LEARNING:**

Encouraging the education of our People both academic and traditional from birth to our Elders.

**SELKIRK FIRST NATION GENERAL ELECTION:**

**APRIL 5, 2017 8:00am—8:00pm**

**ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS:**

**March 15, 2017 at the SFN Link Building 6:00—9:00pm**

**March 18, 2017 in the Yukon Inn Fireside Room at 2:00—4:00pm**

**ADVANCE POLLS:**

**March 29, 2017 10:00am to 8:00pm  
SFN Link Building in Pelly and The  
Yukon Inn's Fireside Room in Whitehorse.**

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